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SUBJ: CHINESE TECHNICIANS

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1. GROUP OF 25 TECHNICIANS FROM PRC ARRIVED IN MALTA
MARCH 25 TO BEGIN ASSISTING WITH CONSTRUCTION NEW SUPER DROCOCK
AND SETTING UP DECORATIVE GLASS FACTORY. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE NEARLY 300 CHINESE TECHNICIANS WILL EVENTUALLY BE ASSIGNED
TO MALTA UNDER 17 MILLION POUND STERLING LOAN AID PROGRAM.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY EFFORTS TO CONFIRM WITH PRC EMBASSY OFFICIALS
NUMBER OF CHINESE TECHNICIANS LIKELY TO BE ASSIGNED TO MALTA
UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR. MEANWHILE CONSIDERABLE CONTROVERSY HAS
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BEEN GENERATED IN PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL PRESS FOLLOWING

EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF AND OPPOSITION MEMBER
FELICE RE IMPLICATIONS INTEREST-FREE
CHINESE LOAN. MOST WODELY HELD CONCERN IS THAT REGARDLESS
OF GOLD PARITY, REPAYMENT DURING PERIOD 1984-1994
WITH MALTESE EXPORTS WILL RESULT IN RADICAL CHANGE IN PRESENT
PATTERM MALTESE TRADE. ONE YOUNG MEMBER OF MINTOFF'S OWN
PARTY HAS CALLED THE CHINESE LOAN AGREEMENT AN IMPERIALISTIC
TOOL IN VIEW OF TIS LONG-TERM TRADE IMPLICATIONS.

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